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PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): ESCH et al.

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Appln. Title: PRECIPITATED SILICAS

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: May 7, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

- A. ☐ NOT made
B. ☐ Withdrawn
C. ☐ made herewith
D. ☐ made previously

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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	4	**minus 20 0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3 0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ \$0	102/202
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5. Original due Date: May 7, 2001		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$710/355	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....			x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0	149/249
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14. Petition fee for			+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =			\$0		

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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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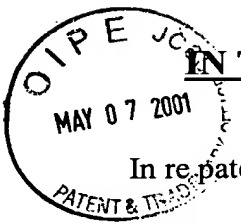
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Art Unit: 1754

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2001, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8-11 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 12-15 as follows:

12. A vulcanized rubber compound comprising precipitated silica having the following physico-chemical properties:

BET surface area:	35 to 350 m ² /g;
BET/CTAB surface area ratio	0.8 to 1.1;
pore volume, PV	1.6 to 3.4 ml/g;
silanol group density, ml of NaOH consumed in raising pH to 9	6 to 20 ml;
averaged aggregate size	250 to 1500 nm;
CTAB surface area	30 to 350 m ² /g;
DBP volume	150 to 300 ml/100 g;

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